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Honorable Assistant  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to enter the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 attached to this petition. In a telephone conference on April 9, 1996, the Examiner noted that no Brief Description of the Drawings was present. The attached amendment is necessary to correct this deficiency. The amendment was not presented earlier because the deficiency was not noted earlier. The amendment does not change the scope of the claims or the patentability of the invention.

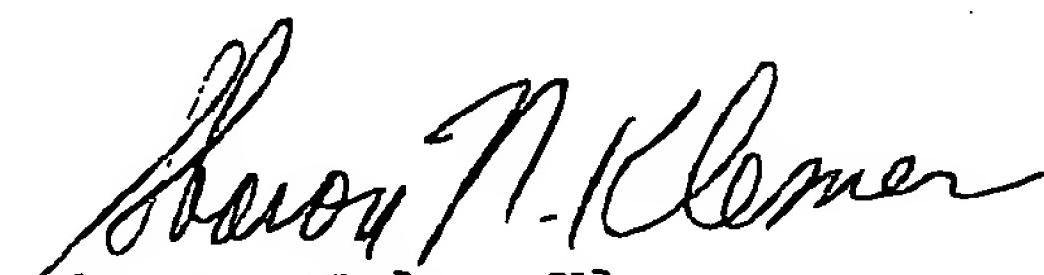
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